THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

WRIT PETITION NO.5319 OF 2005

DATED: 25-7-2007

Between:

Potturi Raghava Raju

.. Petitioner

and

The Govt. of A.P., rep. by its Commissioner for Relief and Ex-Officio Secretary to Govt., Secretariat, Hyderabad and others.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not releasing rice coupons for 20 tonnes of rice, at a cost of Rs.8/- per k.g., for equivalent value of the work allotted to and executed by the petitioner under 'Food For Work' programme, as arbitrary and illegal; and consequently to direct the respondents to allot rice at the cost of Rs.8/- per k.g., as per the orders of the Government in Memo No.40229/SGRY/2002, dated 13.11.2002.

The grievance of the petitioner seems to be that he had completed the work entrusted to him under 'Food For Work' programme, but the respondents have not released the rice coupons for about 20 tonnes of rice in his favour, which is arbitrary and illegal.

A detailed counter-affidavit has been filed by the respondent No.4, wherein it is asserted that no work has been assigned to the petitioner by the respondents and when there was no entrustment of work to the petitioner, there cannot be any verification of the work as alleged by him and, hence, it is false to say that any verification was conducted by the Village Secretary. The villagers of Kesanakurru village have submitted a representation to the respondents requesting for issuance of rice coupons for the works done by them. Some of the villagers stated that they have shifted the mud by taking tractors from the petitioner. The use of the tractors of the petitioner by village coolies is a matter between the village collies and the petitioner, for which the respondents have nothing to do. Further the Mandal Parishad Development Officer, I Polavaram has conducted enquiry with regard

to sanctioned work in Kesanakurru village, in which he came to know that the works were done by the villagers, but not by the petitioner and, therefore, he issued rice coupons to the villagers.

In view of the aforementioned averments made in the counter, I am of the opinion that this writ petition is speculative in nature, devoid of merits and is, therefore, liable to be dismissed.

Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

C.V. RAMULU, J

25th July, 2007.
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